# CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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| **Title of publication:** | 167074_104317169642410_100001923827524_34724_5011278_n (2).jpg |
| **Other known title(s):** | Not stated |
| **OFLC ref:** | 1400090.007 |
| **Medium:** | Computer Image File |
| **Publisher:** | Not stated |
| **Country of origin:** | Not stated |
| **Language:** | Not applicable |
| **Applicant:** | Secretary for Internal Affairs |
| **Classification:** | Objectionable. |
| **Descriptive note:** | None |
| **Display conditions:** | None |
| **Date of entry in Register:** | 16 December 2014 |
| **Date of direction to issue a label:** | No direction to issue a label has been issued |
| **Date of notice of decision:** | 16 December 2014 |

**Summary of reasons for decision:**

The publication is a computer image file in colour. It depicts two naked girls posing for the camera. One girl's genitalia are centred in the image. The purpose of the depiction is to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children and young people. Images such as this encourage viewers to see children and young people as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to strengthen this sexual interest and encourage the sexual exploitation of children and young people.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.